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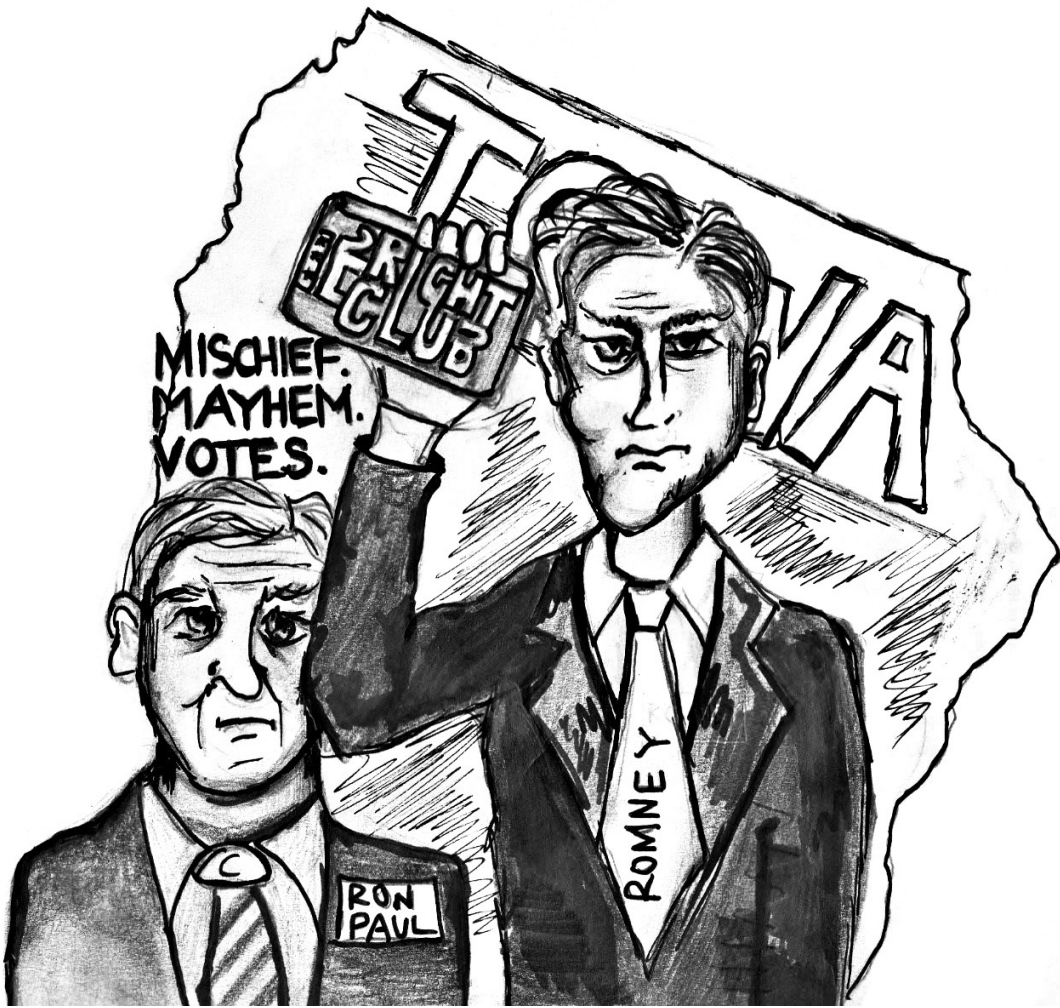
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There was an error in the Jan. 19 Issue: In the sentence, "Brown probably would be a lottery pick in the NFL, as the NFL drafts tends to favor those with a hight 'upside,'" NFL was changed from NBA while going through the copy process. The writer had correctly written NBA in his article, Unknown Future. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, please call our managing editor Kelsey Castanon at 785-532-6556, or email her at news@kstatecollegian.com

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SUICIDE | Help exists for the grieving: ‘You are not alone’

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that suicide is a subject so few people are willing to discuss, even though almost everyone knows someone who has died from it, such as a friend, co-worker, cousin, etc.

“There was another suicide in Manhattan on Wednesday,” she said. “His name was Tyrel Dieball.”

My heart stopped for a moment when I heard the name. She could not have picked a better example; Ty and I had grown up together. What a cruel irony.

I had only seen him twice in the last two years, but the last time had been in Aggieville, just a week or two prior to his death. He gave me a hug and offered to buy me a drink. I politely declined because I was with someone and wanted to spend time with them.

Should I have had a drink with him? Would it have made any difference? I’ll never know. But the real question on my mind, and I’m sure on the minds of his friends who found him, his family and everyone else who knew him is: could I have saved him?

There is nothing wrong with this question. It is normal to ask yourself this question when someone you know has chosen to take their own life. But it is very easy to be consumed by this idea, by the guilt that you might have failed this person by something you did or did not do.

If this question is haunting you, there are people who can help. There are people who have been haunted by this same question, who know how you feel. You are not alone.

Martha Stevens, a Manhattan resident who experienced the pain of finding her son after his death, has kindly offered to lend an ear to the friends and family of Tyrel Dieball, if they would like to talk to someone who knows what they are going through.

She can be reached at marthaastevens@gmail.com. Stevens also recommended they visit the Parents of Suicides/ Friends and Families of Suicides website for resources and support from other friends and families who know what they are going through. They can be reached at pos-fjos.com.

Goodbye, Ty. Thank you for the hug.

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Siblings play important role in students’ lives, studies

Rudy Date
staff writer

Siblings, like all other family members, play a significant role in any person’s upbringing. Not generally seen as the main authority figure of the house, siblings tend to see each other as either role models or competition.

Although the relationship between two or more siblings is different for every household, it seems that brothers and sisters have a positive impact on each other, especially when it comes to academics.

Anthony Ross, freshman in computer engineering and the younger of two, said of his sister, “Amanda is definitely a role model for me. She works very hard, and, based off of her success in college, I was able to see the positive effects of perseverance and hard work.”

The youngest children are often influenced by their older siblings in a variety of ways, Ross said, and depending mainly on the elder’s success or failure, the children born last can either be influenced simply by observing their eldest brother or sister or by directly being told what to do and what not to do.

“We’re six years apart, so she didn’t influence any specific habits,” Ross pointed

out. “Growing up, I couldn’t really tell how she did what she did, but my parents always talked about a perfect GPA and great test scores, and that was motivation enough.”

Ross admitted that he feels a lot of pressure to achieve similar success.

“My sister is considered to be my parents’ prodigy. I’m not always sure I’ll be able to

“You have to do everything first, so the possibility of failure is high. Now, for example, when it comes to applying for colleges and things like that, my parents know what to do with Bryan,” he said.

Ezell also said he agreed with the idea that elder siblings can serve as a role model.

“I get to use my age and

and copy their every move. This can easily be misinterpreted as frustrating and annoying.

Likewise, first-born children, who may quickly develop their personality traits and beliefs, may be seen by their younger counterparts as overconfident, even cocky, which also can lead to frustration.

“My brother can be quite

man in computer information science, has a twin brother and said that having a twin is not the same as having an older or younger sibling.

“I like having somebody that’s always around, somebody to talk to and someone that’s always there for me,” he said.

According to Little, competitiveness is a common occurrence between twins or even siblings that are very close in age. Regardless of having constant squabbles with his twin brother, however, Little says they are still very close.

“Things would definitely be different if I didn’t have a twin, or if he wasn’t my twin,” Little said. “He and I always played the same sports, and had the same group of friends, and he’s one of my best friends. We fight all the time, but it’s never serious.”

“He’s the favorite, obviously,” Little added.

Siblings, it seems, can drastically alter a student’s inclination to strive for success. Little, Ezell and Ross all agreed that their siblings have given them motivation to succeed in school.

“My brother really pushes me to work hard, especially in school,” Little said. “We’re both really competitive, and we want each other to strive for excellence.”

“My sister is considered to be my parents’ prodigy. I’m not always sure I’ll be able to fill her shoes. Everyone tells me not to compare myself to her, but what she did worked, and I can’t ignore that.”

Anthony Ross
freshman in computer engineering

fill her shoes. Everyone tells me not to compare myself to her, but what she did worked, and I can’t ignore that,” he said.

First-born children, on the other hand, are often stereotyped to be the most successful. They also feel pressure, but of a different kind. Many first-born children claim to feel like a guinea pig for their parents, said Jack Ezell, freshman in biological systems engineering and the eldest child in his family.

experience to my advantage,” Ezell said. “I also get a lot of practice in taking a ‘leadership role’ and, though there’s pressure for me to do well, it helps me become a better leader in general.”

Since birth order gives people such different perspectives, brothers and sisters will inevitably fight with each other.

For example, because the eldest children are often viewed as the role models, younger siblings might try

annoying,” Ezell said. “He’s been known to lie to get me in trouble because I think he wants more attention from our parents. He regularly calls me the ‘golden child,’ though I don’t know why. He’s better at many things than me, yet he gets angry when he knows I’ve done something he may not be able to.”

Twins and triplets tend to create a whole new family dynamic.

Alexander Little, fresh-

THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

Mandy Jo Vincent, of the 300 block of Thurston Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Zachery Ryan Burch, of Ogden, was booked for use or possession of paraphernalia to introduce into the human body and sale or distribution of hallucinogens or marijuana. Bond

was set at \$3,500.

Marcus Antonio Griffin, of the 500 block of 12th Street, was booked for sale or purchase of drugs, failure to register as an offender, no Kansas drug tax stamp and sale or distribution of hallucinogens or marijuana. Bond was set at \$9,000.

Joseph Griffiths, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard,

was booked for three counts of probation violation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Blake Matthew Alderson, of Concordia, Kan., was booked for two counts of use or possession of paraphernalia to introduce into the human body and two counts of unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Johnathan Raia

driquez, of Fort Riley, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Jason Scott Oder, of the 6000 block of Tuttle Terrace, was booked at 6:28 p.m. for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and habitual violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Bryan Levi Edwards, of the 2300 block of Butternut Lane, was booked for

domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Jason Scott Oder, of the 6000 block of Tuttle Terrace, was booked at 11:30 p.m. for use or possession of paraphernalia to introduce into the human body, unlawful possession of hallucinogens and possession of opiates, opium, or narcotics. Bond was set at \$3,000.

-Compiled by Sarah Rajewski

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Domestic abuse victims need help, violence a public health issue



Karen Ingram

Domestic abuse is one of those crimes that everybody knows about, but nobody really discusses at length. It's something that happens behind closed doors, or safely behind the filtered reality of one's television set. Even the term "domestic abuse" sounds pretty innocuous. It's domestic, like a cow or the family dog, and all kinds of things can be abused in a funny way, like my liver on a Friday night.

The reality of domestic abuse doesn't really sink into the public consciousness until something drastic happens, such as the case of Manhattan resident Amanda Bonner. The 23-year-old mother of two was killed on Dec. 30, 2011 by her ex-boyfriend Kawon Higgins, who then took his own life. It isn't terribly often that Manhattan has a murder on its hands, so a murder-suicide was quite an unpleasant surprise for the citizens of this relatively safe community.

Some people might argue that domestic abuse is nobody's business but the couple involved, but I beg to differ, and think the Bonner-Higgins tragedy is a perfect example. The following observation may offend some people, and I apologize to the family and friends of Ms. Bonner in advance, but I believe the reason domestic violence is everyone's problem is because it is a public health issue. Put quite simply, Ms. Bonner was mentally ill and needed help,

help that she did not receive, and this is why she is now dead. Women who live a life of domestic violence are not in their right mind, because they have battered-wife syndrome, or Stockholm Syndrome, or some other such thing that makes them return to the abuser over and over again. They don't know what they're doing. They are clearly sick and need help.

In a Jan. 8 Associated Press article, Riley County Attorney Barry Wilkerson stated "the office has the policy of prosecuting abuse cases even without the cooperation of the victim," meaning that if someone beats up their wife or girlfriend and the victim tearfully decides to stand by her man and not press charges, they'll prosecute him anyway. However, "the office cannot prosecute if there was not enough cause for arrest and cannot base cases on rumor and innuendo."

Rumor and innuendo? Really? According to a Jan. 9 WIBW article by Lindsey Rogers, the Riley County Police Department was called to the Bonner residence on no fewer than 15 occasions in the six months leading up to the murder-suicide — not to mention Higgins' previous convictions in 2007 and 2008 for criminal threat and domestic battery, respectively, as stated in the AP article. This, to me, looks like a pretty clear pattern of abuse and aggression, not rumor.

Higgins should never have had the chance to go back to Bonner and kill her. And I don't think the excuses of our law enforcement being over-worked is a valid excuse because we have computers for a reason. The minute Bonner went to the RCPD and dropped the protection order

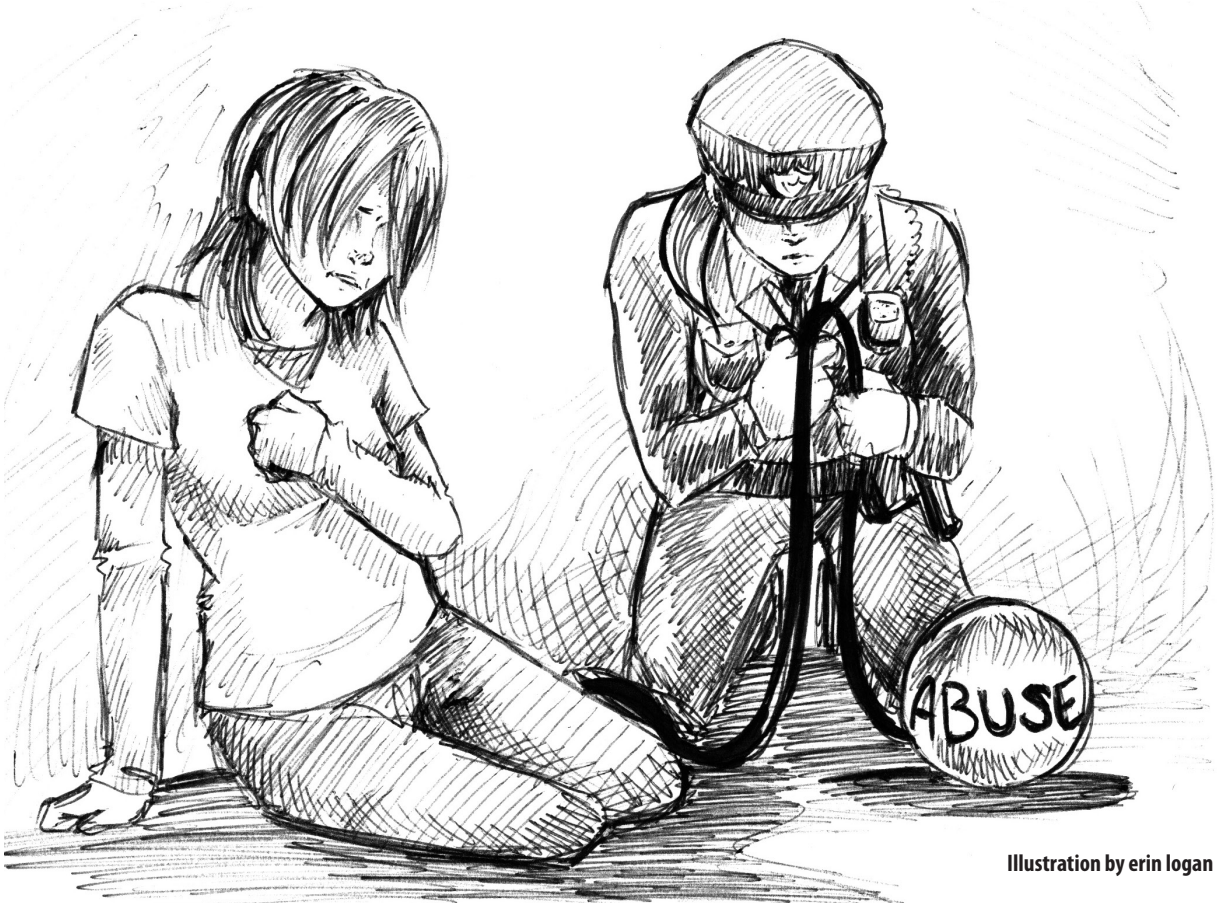


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against Higgins a week before her death, a great big red flag should have popped up on the computer screen warning the police that something was not right and that they should ask the question, "Why?"

Why would you want to drop the protection order against the man who has threatened and harmed you repeatedly over the last six months, who has a history of such violence? Why on earth would you want to do that?

Perhaps if someone had pressed her for answers, she would have told them what was revealed in the WIBW

article cited earlier, that Bonner had been attacked by another man and had decided to let Higgins back into her life to protect her from this other man, believing Higgins to be "the lesser of two evils," according to a close friend.

And that right there is proof that she was not in the right frame of mind to make any sort of decision-making. The lesser of two evils? Unless this mysterious third party was named Osama bin Hitler, I highly doubt he could appear more threatening than the man she called the cops on more than a dozen times

in six months. That, to me, sounds crazy.

I agree with Wilkerson that abuse cases should be prosecuted regardless of the victim's cooperation. Clearly, some victims are just not well enough to help themselves, which is why we need to help them. But the laws in place are not strict or fast enough. Higgins should have been locked up a long time ago and Bonner should have been sent to a therapist.

This tragic story could have had all kinds of bigger tragedies piled on top of it. Fortunately, the couple's two

children, aged 4 and 5, were not at home when Higgins showed up with that gun. Would domestic violence be taken more seriously in this town if we had two tiny graves to dig next to their mother? Or if the pizza delivery guy showed up and the blood spilled out onto the street? It should not have to come to that. Spin those wheels of justice a little faster next time, please, and lock that guy up before he kills someone.

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Riley County police did their jobs in Bonner case, should be commended



Ian Huyett

"Domestic violence is a very ugly monster with many, many ventricles," commented Riley County Police Department Detective Julia Goggins on a recent Manhattan murder-suicide in a Jan. 8 Associated Press article. Reporting on the tragedy, both the Manhattan Mercury and the Associated Press have alluded to complaints that police failure to protect the victim was one such ventricle.

Those who wrongfully allege police weakness or unwillingness in the case are right about one thing: this is not a crime that came out of nowhere. Amanda Victoria Bonner filed for police protection from ex-boyfriend Kawon Darnet Higgins — the father of her two children — in June. Higgins shot Bonner and then killed himself on Dec. 30, 2011. During the seven months in between, Higgins obnoxiously violated the terms of the protection order at least seven times, according to the AP article.

The decision of how to handle the case, however, ultimately did not lie with the police. The AP article states that eight days before the attack, Bonner decided to drop the protection order against Higgins.

"She had called our office the week before ... and basically wanted us to keep our nose out of it and not go forward with charges," said Riley County Attorney Barry Wilkerson in a Jan. 9 WIBW article by Lindsey Rogers.

While the protection order was in effect, RCPD vigilantly

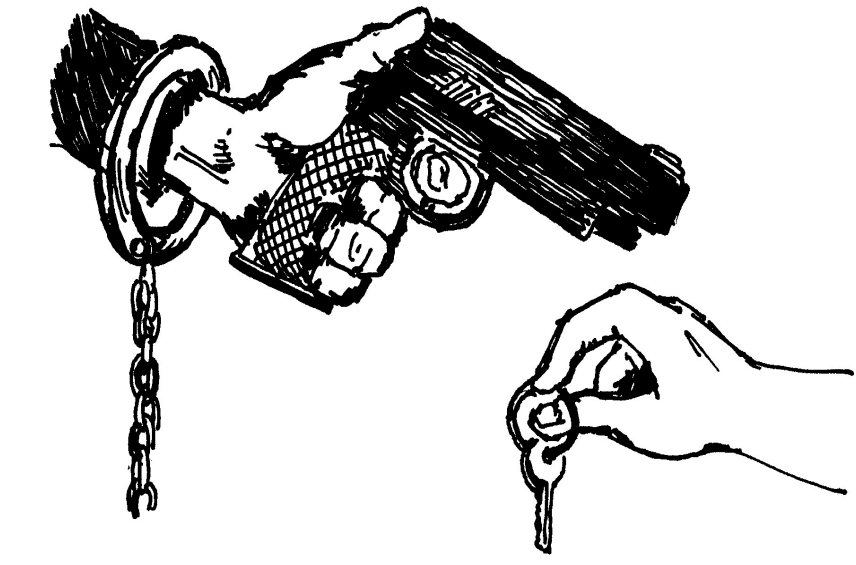


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went to Bonner's home on at least 15 occasions, according to the WIBW article. That's eight more times than court documents say Higgins violated the order. Police also arrested Higgins for violating the protection order. Insofar as police stepped away from the conflict, they were respecting the wishes of Bonner — who, after all, filed for the order in the first place.

If your gut feeling is that police dropped the ball, ask yourself what — specifically — you'd have liked them to do differently. To say that Higgins should have been charged against Bonner's wishes but on her behalf infantilizes her. One would have to believe that, by virtue of his occupation alone, a government worker was in a better position to make decisions about Bonner's life than she was — and was further in a position

to impose those decisions on her, whether she agreed with them or not.

If a victim's perspective should be entirely discounted in domestic disputes, there is no logical reason why it should not be similarly discounted in sexual assault cases. Charging a man with rape would then have nothing to do with whether or not the alleged victim described the sex as consensual and everything to do with whether a government worker described her as a victim.

Statutory rape laws, of course, do work this way, and rightly so; we as a society recognize that children are relatively incapable of making certain rational decisions. The position that the police should have charged Higgins — or guarded Bonner's house — after she explicitly told them to do neither, however, assumes that

adults who haven't been appointed to government posts are similarly incapable.

Those who claim that the RCPD didn't do their job misinterpret the relationship between American citizens and their government as being akin to one between children and parents. Nearly the opposite is true — police are public employees, and Amanda Bonner was a member of the public. The government exists to serve us, not the other way around. By watchfully protecting Bonner when she asked for help and then continuing to respect her wishes by "keep[ing their] nose out of it," the RCPD admirably held to just that principle — it did its job.

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TO THE POINT

UPC After Hours program important part of campus life, could be even better

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

The Union Program Council's films committee and After Hours program provide a wide variety of evening weekend activities for students wanting to save a little money but still have quality entertainment options.

These programs are also a way for students to have something to do on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights that are alcohol free and in a safe environment. Many students take advantage of these activities that are either free or only cost a couple of dollars for admission, and we encourage students who haven't been to one of these events to check them out.

Although these activities do, on the whole, experience decent turnout, we believe there are ways to for these organizations to increase student attendance.

Instead of simply showing a movie, for instance, for a few dollars extra, the films committee could provide the attendants with popcorn or a drink. Even if tickets to these events would cost \$3 or \$4, instead of the typical \$1 or \$2 admission fee, that is nothing compared to the 20-something dollars it would cost to buy the same popcorn and a soda at the movie theater. Plus, many students live within walking distance

of campus, so they would save on gas money instead of driving across town to the theater.

Many big-name movies have been shown in the past, like "Toy Story 3" and "Star Trek," and these definitely draw in students, but what about the independent, small-budget movies?

There are several film festivals throughout the year that feature breakthrough directors and up-and-coming actors and, if the films committee featured some of these, it would expose students to different types of movies that they would never see at the local movie theater or check out on Netflix.

The movies and activities put on by the UPC are wonderful options for entertainment, and not only for students who don't drink or go to parties. These programs provide cheap, safe options and events like laser tag or the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" event are just too cool to pass up.

We commend the films committee and the After Hours programs for services that they already provide to students, and we hope that the turnout at these events will increase so the UPC can continue to deliver unique and exciting entertainment options to students.

Student body president: SGA wants you



Nate Spriggs

Welcome back K-State, We hope you all had relaxing and refreshing winter breaks; we're excited for the semester ahead. From new events to Student Governing Association elections, a lot will occur over the next few months, so get ready. To begin the semester, we'd

like to recognize the growing international student community, of more than 1,900 students, on our campus. We're teaming up with the K-State Proud campaign to host a social hour at the International Student Center on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. If you're interested in learning more about SGA and the K-State Proud campaign, we encourage you to attend, come with questions and excited to meet other K-State students.

In addition to the social hour, our International Affairs Director, Xu Tan, has been working with the International Student Center to develop a "Welcome Manual"

for new students. The manual would help guide international students all the way from admissions applications to finals week here at K-State. If you have ideas on what should be included within the welcome manual, we'd love to have your input.

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Women’s basketball to face No. 1 Baylor in Waco on Saturday

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

The No. 23 K-State women’s basketball team is set to take on No. 1 Baylor Bears tomorrow in Waco, Texas, at 7 p.m. During their last road game, the Wildcats won in an upset over last week’s No. 10 Texas Tech and are now ready to step up against the Bears.

The last time K-State and Baylor met up was during the Big 12 Championship in Kansas City, Mo., last March, where K-State suffered an 86-53 loss to the Bears.

“A year ago, they played poorly in the game before us and took it out on us, so we’ve been on the back side of a mad Baylor team before,” said K-State head coach Deb Patterson about their upcoming game. “I hope we bring a competitive maturity to the floor and that no matter what we face, we keep our wits about us.”

Baylor took on Texas Tech last Wednesday, and while they came away with the win, the game ended in a surprisingly close 72-64 when Texas Tech came out with a stronger offense than Baylor had planned on. After a close

game against an unranked team, coach Patterson believes Baylor will not take anything easy on the Wildcats.

Baylor is one of only two teams left in the nation that remains undefeated. They

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have earned their No. 1 ranking through star performances by players Brittney Griner, a 6-foot-8-inch junior who averages 22.7 points per

game, and talented sophomore guard Odyssey Sims, who has averaged 16.5 points per game. Baylor has gone 17-0 this season and will be a challenge to the Wildcats’ defense.

Coming out of a disappointing home court loss of 65-57 to Oklahoma on Tuesday night, K-State sits at 4-1 in conference play.

“They’re just, all around, just a great, great basketball team,” said senior guard Tasha Dickey. “They’ve got the Griner factor so we’ve just got to be ready for anything. Any one of them can score baskets.”

While Baylor will put a solid five players on the court and challenge K-State’s defense, the Wildcats will have to be quick offensively and connect with the basket.

When asked what the biggest challenge No. 1 Baylor would bring to the court, captain Brittany Chambers said, “Brittney Griner. She’s 6-foot-8. And I shouldn’t just say her, I mean, she’s unbelievable and something you just never see in women’s basketball, but their whole team is very solid. The team itself is just very, very tough.”

Men’s basketball looks for first road conference win

Corbin McGuire
staff writer

The K-State men’s basketball team will attempt to capture its first on-the-road conference win on Saturday when the Wildcats travel to Stillwater, Okla., to take on the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

Coming off a gritty 84-80 win against the Texas Longhorns in Bramlage Coliseum, the Wildcats hope to break their two-gamelosing streak on the road and even up their conference record when they take on the Cowboys.

The Cowboys are 9-9 this season overall and 2-3 in conference play, with wins over the Oklahoma Sooners and Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Frank Martin’s teams have struggled against the Cowboys in recent years, as the Wildcats have lost the last three times they have faced the Cowboys, including a 14-point defeat last year in Gallagher-Iba Arena, and the Wildcats have not won in Stillwater, Okla., since 1993.

The Cowboys will play in Gallagher-Iba Arena, their historic gymnasium that holds 13,611 people, for the first time in nearly two weeks after losing their previous two games on the road against the Baylor Bears and Iowa State Cyclones.

The Bears dominated the Cowboys 106-65, and the Cyclones stunned the Cowboys off a last-second 3-point bucket to give Cowboys fans even more of a reason to resent Cyclones sports teams.

Other than senior guard Keiton Page and freshman standout Le’Bryan Nash, who score 14.8 and 12.9 points per game, respectively, the Cowboys struggle offensively and only average

66.4 points per game, ranking 215 among all Division I schools in the NCAA.

Nash’s magic scoring number this season has been 21; he has hit that number four times, and the Cowboys won 3 out of 4 of those games.

Turnovers and rebounding have been the Wildcats’ Achilles’ heel on the road recently as they were forced into 18 turnovers in their loss against the Sooners and were outrebounded by 24 in their loss to KU.

The Cowboys will have their work cut out for them on the glass as they average just over 35 rebounds per game, compared to the Wildcats’ average of under 40 rebounds per game.

Taking care of the ball against the high-pressure defense of the Wildcats will be one of the Cowboys’ key advantages, as they average only 13 turnovers per game.

The Cowboys will also have the issue of guarding the red-hot Rodney McGruder, who is averaging 23.4 points per game in conference play so far, including 30 points or more in two of his last three games.

Head coach Frank Martin announced Thursday evening that the Wildcats will be playing without junior Jordan Henriquez, as he has been suspended indefinitely from the team.

“He just needs a moment away so he can regain the vision that he had when he came here,” Martin said about the suspension. “He is at a moment where he lost sense of what is expected of him on a daily basis. He just needs to regroup. He and I will visit next week, make decisions and move forward from there.”

The game is set to tip off at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and will be available to watch on ESPN3.

An athlete’s trek to the Olympics: from Lithuania to small-town Kansas

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

With a time of 6.75 seconds, just 0.1 second away from breaking his personal record, Mantas Silkauskas placed first overall in the men’s 60-meter dash last Saturday at the KSU Invitational.

Silkauskas has been an athlete on the track and field team at K-State for the past four years. He is a usual K-State student athlete, making high marks on his team while juggling

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Mantas Silkauskas
K-State student athlete

school and training daily. However, Silkauskas is from Kaunas, Lithuania, which is located in northern Europe, well over 5,000 miles from Manhattan.

In the beginning, the change in culture for Silkauskas took some getting used to. However he now said he enjoys being in the United States.

“The biggest difference was coming from a big city, and Manhattan is a little town, but it doesn’t bother me,” Silkauskas said.

Living in a smaller town has helped Silkauskas focus on training to be the



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Mantas Silkauskas, senior in kinesiology, competes with the K-State track and field team.

best athlete he can be while attending K-State.

“Training-wise, it’s really good,” Silkauskas said about living in Manhattan. “No one distracts you and you just do what you’re supposed to do.”

Silkauskas is a senior in kinesiology and has plans to compete in the Olympics after graduating.

“If I don’t make the Olympic games, then I’ll keep training and trying to

get even better,” Silkauskas said. “I’m thinking about staying here in the United States but haven’t thought about where yet.”

Silkauskas’ main event for track and field is the heptathlon, a combined contest made up of seven events in which the athlete is scored on a point system. A heptathlon is made up of a 200-meter run, 800-meter run, 100-meter hurdle, high jump, long jump,

shot put and a javelin throw.

Cliff Rovelto, K-State track and field coach of 18 years, has earned the respect of athletes and coaches around the country during his years at K-State for his talent in training his athletes.

“We had some Lithuanians before. The first one was a gal named Austr Skujyte, two-time NCAA Champion and Olympic silver medalist, and before Mantas we had a guy named

Darius Draudvila who was a decathlete here,” Rovelto said.

Rovelto said that Silkauskas contacted them after hearing of other Lithuanians who competed in the heptathlon at K-State.

“There had been a couple of combined eventers who had a lot of success, so really, he more-or-less recruited us,” he said. “He contacted us because of the two that had been here previously.”

Last year Silkauskas placed third in the Big 12 Championship heptathlon and seventh in the NCAA Championship heptathlon, and this year, he is looking forward to even bettering his scores.

“He has basically three events, individually, that if he were to just focus on any of those three events, he could probably get to the NCAA meet in all three events,” Rovelto said. “When you’ve considered that those three events make up a decathlon, well, that’s a pretty good start. I do expect him to score very high this year.”

Silkauskas plans on having a good season this spring as he is working toward this year’s NCAA Championship meets, which begin in May 2012. He also discussed this season’s goals.

“Yeah, I have some, but I just want to talk careful about them and do what I’m supposed to do and try my best in the biggest meets and NCAA championships,” he said.

Silkauskas will compete on Saturday in the Wildcat Invitational taking place in Ahearn Field House at 11 a.m.

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Union Program Council sponsors safe student activities

Jakki Thompson
assistant news editor

Every weekend, students at K-State look for activities to fill their nights, and the Union Program Council, a group made up of many committees that help contribute to impacting student lives, works to provide these activities. Two committees that have some of the most prominent events are the UPC After Hours committee and the UPC films committee.

"After Hours was originally created to give the students an alternative to going to house parties and partaking in underage drinking," said Andrew Claeys, After Hours co-chair and junior in mechanical engineering. "Therefore, every Friday,

After Hours hosts some type of event for the students to come enjoy themselves with friends, food and fun activities."

The After Hours committee hosts a wide variety of events on Friday nights. This semester, the committee has planned events from comedians to magicians to musicians. Every UPC committee tries to attract all types of spectators, so they create a large array of events for students, staff and community members.

"When I was an undergraduate, I educated my greek members about the dangers of hazing and binge drinking," said Caelee Gibbs, graduate adviser for the After Hours committee and graduate student in student development. "When I lived in my house, Alpha Sigma

Alpha, there was this stigma that all greek members party and care about drinking. That isn't true at all. Without the After Hours committee on campus, students wouldn't get these types of events on Friday nights."

Gibbs said it's really exciting for her to see the four students on the After Hours committee plan and execute events. She was most attracted to this position because of the substance-free aspect, a message that was really important to her.

"I have always been interested in student involvement," Gibbs said. "I also wanted to educate people about the dangers of hazing and binge drinking. I feel extremely blessed to have found a job that combines two of the things I love the most."

The films committee hosts movies every weekend in either Forum Hall or the Little Theatre, both located in the K-State Student Union. This committee also plans special events with other student organizations to continue to get students involved on campus.

"My family has always loved movies," said Ashleigh Herd, films committee co-chair and junior in chemical engineering. "Films have always been something that are near and dear to my heart. This is a simple way for students to continue to feel connected to campus."

Herd said the films committee works hard to select and showcase a wide array of movies to attract a variety of students on campus and the Manhattan area. She said the committee cares a lot

about movies and the types and quality of movies they bring to campus.

"There is one misconception about the films committee on campus," Herd said. "We rarely charge for profit. The admission costs go to pay for the rights to play the movies, to pay the employees who have to play the movies and the staff on duty to take the tickets."

Herd said the films committee doesn't charge for the special events they host when they team up with other student organizations. This semester, the committee partnered with the Graduate Student Council to show "The Ph.D. Movie." They also have shown movies in the past to help bring awareness to social issues.

"We understand that UPC gets its funding from

privilege fees from students, so we wanted to create prices that reflected that knowledge," Herd said. "As long as students bring their IDs, it is only \$1 on Friday and \$2 on Saturday and Sunday."

These two committees help students and community members have a safe place to be on weekend nights. If students are interested in joining UPC, there will be an "All Meeting" on Jan. 24 in Salsarita's in the Union beginning at 5:30 p.m.

"Even though we are all a really diverse group of students, we can get together and work productively," said Hillary L'Ecuier, After Hours co-chair and sophomore in interior design. "It is always so fulfilling to see everyone come together to make sure our events are successful."

Civil rights in the United States: the long road toward freedom

Andy Rao
news editor

In light of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday and MLK Observance week next week, the issue of civil rights in the United States has been a hot topic. The United States has certainly gone through human rights upheavals in its young history.

Each time period had different issues, and although many issues have been addressed through historic legislation, discrimination, bigotry and hatred still linger today.

In the 1700s, America was still part of the New World. Although Columbus had landed in the Caribbean about 200 years before, colonization was moving relatively slowly. To escape religious prosecution and take advantage of economic opportunities, many English citizens came to America to establish their new home.

As the English throne received increasing pressure to resolve taxation without representation, the American Revolution was born. After fighting and winning a wear-

some war, Americans came together to form a new nation. After the Constitution and Bill of Rights were drafted, they were hailed as documents that championed human rights and provided citizens with "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Although it promised liberty to all, the Constitution made every slave two-thirds of a person. Although it promised democracy, which literally means "rule by the people," the only people who were allowed to vote were white, male landowners.

The promises of freedom remained a false hope; most people were still chained to their unfortunate circumstances.

In the 1800s, there was more of the same. The country was rapidly industrializing and beginning to make more waves in the world economy. Despite more manufacturing, however, the agriculture in the South remained a prominent aspect of American businesses. The slave trade continued to grow, and although the continued import of slaves was banned,



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forced servitude remained legal.

A building vendetta for liberation, however, brought the issue of slavery to the forefront of the national agenda, and court precedents like the Dred Scott v. Sandford case and the Mason-Dixon line only aggravated the issue.

After fruitless debates, America went to war against itself. The Civil War, which is considered the bloodiest

war in American history with 623,026 casualties, caused many cities to be razed to the ground, but from the destruction, hope was born. With the passage of the 13th Amendment, slaves were freed, and the U.S. made more progress toward true liberty.

Though the United States took a huge leap in prohibiting slavery, the 1900s brought on its own set of challenges. Increased immigration caused

tension between ethnic and religious groups and caused major divisions between Americans. This century, however, paved the way for immense change in the land of opportunity.

Child labor laws were passed in order to protect American youth from working in dangerous conditions. Susan B. Anthony was a catalyst for the women's rights movement, which resulted in suffrage for female citizens. The civil rights movement, led by icons such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, resulted in integration and paved the way for the more racial equality.

As the 2000s rolled around, the United States continued to work for equality; this time, however, the nation faced issues that were not based on race or gender equality.

For example, the United States Congress formally repealed "don't ask, don't tell," allowing members of the military to be openly homosexual without worrying about being discharged.

President Obama, with his universal health care plan, al-

lowed all Americans to gain access to affordable health care, and fought against socioeconomic discrimination.

Although landmark achievements have allowed the nation to make significant progress, Americans still have controversial issues on their hands. Discrimination still affects many citizens today.

The LGBTQ community is still fighting against workplace discrimination and civil rights such as the right to marry. Women, though legally protected, still fight workplace discrimination and an inequality in earning capacity. American Muslims still face backlash from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and have suffered physical violence and social bigotry.

Whether or not Americans tackle these issues remains to be seen. But history, which in some cases is a good indication of the future, would say that the United States of America will indeed address the injustices of the times, and continue to uphold the traditions of the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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'Cambridge List' provides quirky, serial killing fun

THE CAMBRIDGE LIST

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Karen Ingram

Read the synopsis of this book and try to guess the author's country of origin: Meet James, a young man who may or may not be insane, or maybe it's the experimental antidepressants he's on, or maybe he really does have Greek gods waging battle in his head and ordering him to kill people.

You guessed it. He's British. For those of you familiar with British humor, "The Cambridge List" by Robert Clear delivers on the sort of quirkiness, dry humor, clever one-liners and comebacks you'd expect from across the pond.

Clear's characters are as colorful as if they were highlighted in neon lights. The villains are grossly exaggerated caricatures of human despicableness that will make you want to laugh and throw up all at the same time while the Greek gods are everything you would expect of them, except inexplicably British instead of Greek. Clear's descriptions are absurd and almost poetic at times. There were several moments that left me in a fit of giggles.

Clear also throws in some real locations and history that blends so well with his made-up stuff, it's difficult to tell what's real and what isn't, which I found delightful.

If you're a fan of British TV shows or literature and get the humor, you won't be disappointed by "The Cambridge List." Likewise, if you're a fan of serial killer fiction and want to check out something different, something that does

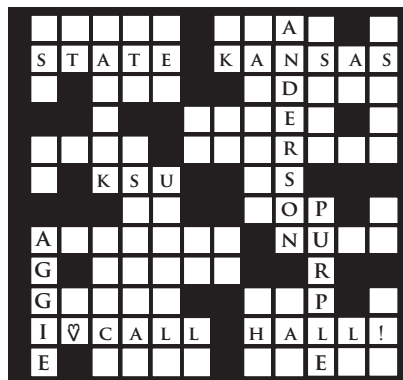
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The ending was both good and bad. There were some forensic errors that nagged at me a little bit, but I can't tell you what without spoiling it. However, the part at the end about the Greek gods leaving was done in a manner that could be interpreted in several different ways and it is left up to the reader to decide for themselves if James was really mad or not. Again, I'm trying very hard not to give too much away here, so just take my word for it that it's cleverly done.

I give "The Cambridge List" four out of five stars. It's not earth-shattering, but it's a fun read and I would definitely recommend it to people, especially those who appreciate quirky British humor.

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Transportation

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

	7			6					
2				1		8			
				2			5		
			7					8	
	5	8					3	1	
7					5				
	8			6					
		3		4					1
			1				2		

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

8/05

Answer to the last Sudoku.

4	9	7	1	8	2	6	5	3	
2	8	5	6	9	3	1	7	4	
1	3	6	5	4	7	9	2	8	
8	6	3	9	5	4	2	1	7	
7	1	4	2	6	8	3	9	5	
9	5	2	3	7	1	8	4	6	
5	2	9	4	3	6	7	8	1	
3	7	1	8	2	5	4	6	9	
6	4	8	7	1	9	5	3	2	

Difficulty Level ★★★

6/01

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K-State daily briefs

Andy Rao
news editor

Rick Perry withdraws from Republican presidential race
Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry officially withdrew from the race for the presidency on Thursday. “I have come to the conclusion that there is no viable path forward for me in 2012,” Perry said, according to a Jan. 19 CNN article. Perry also officially endorsed Republican nominee Newt Gingrich and said Gingrich was a true conservative, and the kind of candidate needed to ensure that President Obama is not re-elected.

Union Program Council comedian canceled
The stand-up comedy show featuring comedian Melissa Villaseñor, who was scheduled to perform in the K-State Student Union today, has been canceled. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Villaseñor’s act will be replaced with free Rock’It bowling sponsored by the Union Program Council at the Union bowling alley at 10:30 p.m. Guests will have to rent shoes. This event is open to the public. For more information and a complete list of all Union Program Council activities, visit k-state.edu/upc or call the UPC office at 785-532-6571.

ATA Bus route starting on campus
ATA Bus started a route on campus this week that is free of charge to students. The ATA Bus provides transportation for anyone in the Manhattan and Riley County area. The cost is \$2 each way within the city limits and \$4 each way outside the city limits.



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Sunday	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

K-STATE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women of K-State Night

7pm • Wed. Jan. 25 • Bramlage Coliseum

 vs. 

6:10pm • Pre-game Social
Legends Room

Speakers will include:
Patti Phillips, President of NACWAA
A representative from the Ahearn Fund
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Tickets are \$3 with promo code!
(Deadline to order is 11pm, January 23)

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